

AquaStarz USA Program Parent Obligations and Responsibilities

Swimmer Name: _____

Date: _____

Parents: The following expectations and guidelines are set forth by the AquaStarz Board and the designated AquaStarz USA program ("USA program") coaches. Sign a copy and return it before the first practice.

As the parent of an AquaStarz swimmer in the USA program ("USA swimmer") I agree to the following:

_____ I understand that all USA program practices are mandatory, unless the coach indicates otherwise, and I will make arrangements with my swimmer to attend at least 90% of all practices.

_____ I understand that the financial obligations of a USA swimmer to train and compete include, but are not limited to (1) a monthly fee of \$200, (2) payment of \$30 to El Macero Country Club for use of its pool, (3) registration as a member of USA Synchro, (4) swim costumes and other swim gear necessary for appropriate training and competition.

_____ I understand that the USA swimmers travel to meets, from local one-day meets to multi-day meets such as Junior Olympics. Further, I understand that the success of a synchronized swim routine requires that all members of the routine compete, or the entire routine may be disqualified or perform a lesser quality routine. Therefore, I agree to take action and provide financial support to make these trips possible, from providing vehicle transportation and gas money, being a chaperone, purchasing plane tickets, and paying for overnight lodging and food. While I understand that the USA program will attempt to keep the price of these travel meets as reasonable as possible, I agree to make arrangements and provide financial support for my USA swimmer to attend travel meets.

_____ I will take the USA Synchro Safe Sport online training prior to the first meet of the season, if I did not take the training last year.

_____ I understand and agree that the coaches will make the final decision regarding which USA swimmers compete in which routines and which meets to attend and I will respect those decisions.

_____ I understand and agree that the coaches, personnel manager, and USA Representative work together to schedule coaches for each practice and meet and that my USA swimmer may not have her regular coach at some practices and meets. The USA program will have a USA Level coach on the pool deck at all times, but changes regarding which coach works with each swimmer and each routine can be made at any time.

_____ I understand that the primary relationship in the USA program is interaction between my swimmer and her coaches. Should issues, questions, or concerns arise, I will address them through the proper channels, and encourage my swimmer to do the same, namely: (1) swimmer addresses directly with coach, or if not feasible with USA Rep or board member; (2) parent addresses with USA rep or board member. In no event is a parent to address concerns or issues on the pool deck or within the hearing of swimmers.

_____ I understand that failure to comply with any of the above obligations may result in my swimmer being removed from a routine, dismissed from the team, or another consequence agreed upon by the coaches or AquaStarz board.

_____ I agree that the primary purpose of the AquaStarz Synchronized Swim program is to provide a supportive environment where each swimmer can be challenged to improve her synchronized swim skills, participate in a team environment, and have a fun and challenging season of growth as a swimmer and teammate. I will do my best to support the coaches and my swimmer in order to achieve this goal for the AquaStarz team as a whole.

Parent name: _____

Signed: _____

Dated: _____